

Poison warning call

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AN APPEAL has gone from the Pharmaceutical Society to the Government to issue warnings to children on the dangers of the weed-killer paraquat 'as a matter of urgency.'

The society has also asked the National Farmers Union to remind farm workers that to store the liquid in soft-drink bottles is dangerous.

The society's warning, prepared by its law committee, follows the Daily Mail investigation six weeks ago into the mounting death toll caused by the highly toxic chemical.

It expresses concern about the 70 fatal accidents over the past ten years.

'In most cases the

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deaths were the result of the victims drinking the poison from soft-drink bottles into which it had been poured from large containers,' says the society.

Some attempt to educate the public should be made immediately to prevent further accidents, it adds, and suggests that the Department of Education 'should ensure that

all school children are warned of the dangers of such poisons about the home.'

The NFU said last night that reminders are to be sent to farmers stressing that the decanting of agricultural paraquat — sold under the brand-name Gramoxone—is illegal.

ICI, manufacturers of paraquat, welcomed the society's move.

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